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ANNUAL REPORT
ON THE HEALTH OF THE
ORMSKIRK URBAN DISTRICT

During the Year
1973



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ORMSKIRK URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Chairman: Councillor Mrs. M. Rees., J.P.

Vice-Chairman: Councillor E. Renfrey, J.P., D.F.C., F.G.A.

HEALTH COMMITTEE

Chairman - Councillor J. B. Smith

Vice-Chairman - Councillor C.R. Grainger

Councillor - W. Cheetham
 Mrs. M. Cumiskey
 J. Fearn
 Mrs. E. Macrae
 D. Morris
 Mrs. M. Muir
 R.J. Norris
 E. Renfrey
 W. Rigby
 H. Westhead

STAFF OF PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Medical Officer of Health:

J.G. Hailwood, M.D., Ch.B., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.

Deputy Medical Officer of Health:

M.S. Rowley, M.B., Ch.B., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.

Public Health Inspectors:

Cyril Jackson, M.A.P.H.I., M.R.S.H., Chief Inspector

Dennis Knowles, M.A.P.H.I., Deputy Chief Inspector

Gordon M. Taylor, M.A.P.H.I.

Paul Cox, M.A.P.H.I. to 31.10.1973.

Clerical Assistant:

Mrs. E. Ashcroft.

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SECTION 1

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area: 15,229 acres.

Population - The population according to the 1961 Census was 21,828, but the Registrar General estimates that at the middle of 1973 the population was 28,860 on which figure statistics in this Report are based.

Number of Inhabited Houses. At the end of 1973 the number of inhabited houses, according to the Rate Books was 9617.

The Rateable Value at the end of the year was £1,179,795 and the sum represented by a penny rate was £11,100.

VITAL STATISTICS

Home population - (Estimated by Registrar-General
mid 1973)

28,860

Live Births - 404

Total Deaths - 266

SECTION 2

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND
OTHER DISEASES.

The number of cases of infectious disease notified to the Health Department during the year was 290. This figure is higher than the number of notifications for 1972 when 119 cases were notified.

MEASLES

There were 270 notified cases of measles during 1973 compared with 100 cases in 1972.

TUBERCULOSIS

Respiratory. One case only was notified in 1973.

Total number of Infectious Diseases coming under the Notice of the Medical Officer of Health during 1973 were -

Scarlet Fever	10
Measles	270
Whooping Cough	1
Infectedive Hepatitis	1
Food Poisoning	1
Dysentery	6
Tuberculosis (Resp.)	1
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SECTION 3

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

SANITARY ACCOMMODATION AT THE END OF 1973.

Number of fresh water closets	-	11018
" " pail closets	-	162
" " privies	-	4
" " privy middens	-	4
" " dustbins	-	15650
" " paper sacks	-	295

FACTORIES ACT.

No. on Register	117
Inspections	35
Written notices	1
<u>Defects Found</u>	
Want of Cleanliness (S.1)	2
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)	1

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

During 1973 the general inspection and re-visiting of registered premises was continued. The total number of persons employed was 1467, comprising Offices, 468, Retail Shops 741, Wholesale shops and Warehouses 70, Catering Establishments and Canteens 188.



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	<u>Class of Premises</u>			
	Offices.	Retail shops	Wholesale shops, ware-houses.	Catering establishments open to public canteens.
No. of registered premises at end of year	75	167	18	33
No. of registered premises receiving a general inspection during year	54	112	12	69
No. of visits of all kinds by inspectors to registered premises - 426				
Details of any prosecutions during year - Nil.				

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

A Private Contractor is employed by the Council on investigation and treatment in connection with rodent control work in the district.

In addition to the routine work a yearly maintenance treatment of sewers is carried out.

Treatments are carried out in accordance with the recommendations of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, and helpful co-operation is maintained with the officers of the Ministry in connection with this work.

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REPORT FOR THE YEAR
ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1973.

		<u>Type of Property.</u>	
		<u>Non-Agricultural.</u>	<u>Agricultural</u>
(a)	Number of Properties in District	10398	301
(b)	Number of Properties inspected following notification	363	-
(c)	Number of (b) infested by Rats	237	-
	Mice	126	-
(d)	Number of Properties inspected for Rats and/ or Mice for reasons other than notification	95	
(e)	Number of (d) infested by Rats	75	
	Mice	20	

SUMMARY OF VISITS MADE BY THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTORS.

1973.

Visits to dwelling houses (Public Health Act, Housing Acts and Rent Act)	1239
Visits to Houses re Improvement Grants	1255
" re Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act	426
" re Rodent Control	88
" re Cases of Infectious Disease	74
" to Shops (Shops Act)	100
" to Factories and Outworkers' Premises	35
" to Food Premises	1157
" to Public Houses	62
" to Restaurants	36
" to Canteens	33
" to School Kitchens	32
" to Snack Bars	54
" to Food Manufacturers	48
" to Butchers	65
" to Fried Fish and Chip shops	20
" to Food Hawkers	53
" to General Food Shops	223
" to Bakehouses	5
" to Poultry Processing Establishments	54
" to Market Stalls	375
" to Caravan Sites	20
" to Boiler Plants	11
" to Noise complaints	31
" in connection with Milk Sampling	41
Ice cream sampling	2
Water supplies	12
Miscellaneous Visits	797

SECTION 4

HOUSING

CLEARANCE OF UNFIT HOUSES

During the year representations were made to the Council by the Medical Officer of Health regarding 23 houses which were deemed to be unfit for human habitation. These consisted of 15 individual houses and one Clearance Area of eight houses.

IMPROVEMENT OF HOUSES - IMPROVEMENT GRANTS.

During the year the Council approved 214 applications for Improvement Grants and 14 applications for Standard Grants under the provisions of the Housing Acts, 1949-1969.

Statistics.

Number of new houses erected during the year -

Total number, all by Private enterprise - 121

Total number of Council Houses -

(a) before 1945 - 282

(b) after 1945 - 1353

1635

Houses Demolished 8

Houses Closed 15

SECTION 5

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD SAMPLES FOR BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION

39 samples of milk were taken and submitted for various tests, with the following results:

Phosphatase Test	20 satisfactory
Methylene Blue Reduction test	37 satisfactory
Colony Count Test	2 satisfactory

Brucella Abortus - 17 samples of milk were submitted for examination, and found to be satisfactory.

Pasteurised Egg - Five samples of pasteurised egg were submitted for examination, three were found to be unsatisfactory and two satisfactory.

Two samples of ice cream were submitted for testing, both found to be satisfactory.

WEIGHTS OF FOOD FOUND TO BE UNFIT.

Fresh meat	2 cwts. 7 lbs.
Poultry	3 tons 19 cwts. 48 lbs.

In addition to the above there were 5 tons, 11 cwts. 159 lbs. of other foods condemned.

The total number of birds processed during the year was 879,852.

